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In a discussion with applicant's representative on 10/24/2008 it was brought to the Examiner's attention that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance regarding claims 1-4, 7, 9-10 and 12-29 in the notice of allowance mailed on 10/17/2008 incorrectly included the following in the statement of reasons for allowance:

e) the photofinisher erasing the digital images from the at least one removable memory device and preparing the at least one removable memory device to be supplied to another photographer to repeat steps b) through e).

In response, the Examiner is amending the statement of reasons for allowance for claims 1-4, 7, 9-10 and 12-29 as follows:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 12-29 and 31-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claims 1-4, 7, 9-10 and 12-29, the prior art fails to teach or suggest, "A method of providing photofinishing services, comprising the steps of: a) supplying to a photographer at least one removable memory device selected from a variety of available formats and having a format appropriate for use in a digital camera provided by the photographer; b) the photographer selectively photographing and storing, and optionally deleting some or all of, a plurality of digital images on the at least one removable memory device; c) the photographer delivering the at least one removable memory device containing undeleted ones of the digital images to a photofinisher, including the steps of the photofinisher reading a code stored on the at least one removable memory device and accessing a database to determine whether the database includes verification data corresponding to the code stored on the at least one removable memory device, said verification data indicating to the photofinisher that the photofinisher is committed to produce prints of the digital images stored on the at least one removable memory device; d) the photofinisher producing prints of the digital images stored on the at least one removable memory device and returning the prints to the photographer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly L. Jerabek whose telephone number is (571) 272-7312. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

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